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801-833 William St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1850-1857

The majority of the houses lining this side of the 800 block of William St. are three story, two or three bay wide brick houses with gable roofs. Like the similar houses across William St. and around the corner on Warren Ave., these houses were built for a middle class market and are larger and more spacious than the average two story plus attic house built for the working class inhabitants of the neighborhood. 801 William St. is now a corner grocery store and the original gable roof has been replaced by a shed roof. 803 William St. is one of only two Classical-Revival style, bow-fronted brick houses with brownstone trim in the area, the other being 804 William St., directly across the street. 811-817 William St. are three story, two bay wide shed-roofed houses, built as a unit in 1857, an early use of the shed roof in this area. The row of houses at 819-833 William St. was built by Nicholas Popplein, at the time the proprietor of a chemical manufactory at the foot of Cross St. and who later became an extremely wealthy resident of Eutaw Place and important chemical, paint, and varnish manufacturer.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

803 William St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
—STRUCTURE
—SITE
—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS
—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
—UNOCCUPIED
—WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
—YES: UNRESTRICTED
—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM
—COMMERCIAL —PARK
—EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
—ENTERTAINMENT —RELIGIOUS
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION
—MILITARY —OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick house with shed roof is unusual in that the entire facade is bowed in an attempt to give the house a semblance of Beaux-Art style. The only other house in the Federal Hill area with a bowed bay is located directly across the street, at 804 William St. This house is set back some distance from the street, also an unusual feature in Federal Hill. The house had been covered with formstone, but it has recently been removed. The roof cornice apparently was lost when the formstone covering was put on.

The house is three stories in height, about 13' wide, and occupies a lot 80' deep. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof currently has no cornice but judging from the marks on the brickwork the cornice originally consisted of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by seven wooden brackets which connected the cornice to a lower molding strip. There is a hooded chimney located along the front section of the north side of the house.

All of the door and window openings have flat wood lintels and sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The entrance is located along the south side of the house, beyond a tall gate that extends across the alleyway running along the south side of the lot. The house sits on a low basement.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1880's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for being one of only two such houses with bowed fronts and an attempt at a Beaux-Art style to have been built in the Federal Hill area. This house is much less pretentious, however, than the other Beaux-Art house directly across the street at 804 William St. and, in fact, merely gives a suggestion of the style which has influenced its design.

The current house replaced an earlier gable-roofed house possibly built by John . Brown, who lived next door at 801 William St. An early inhabitant of 803 William St. was John R. Hall, a painter.¹

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1870

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16' x 80'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

5/79

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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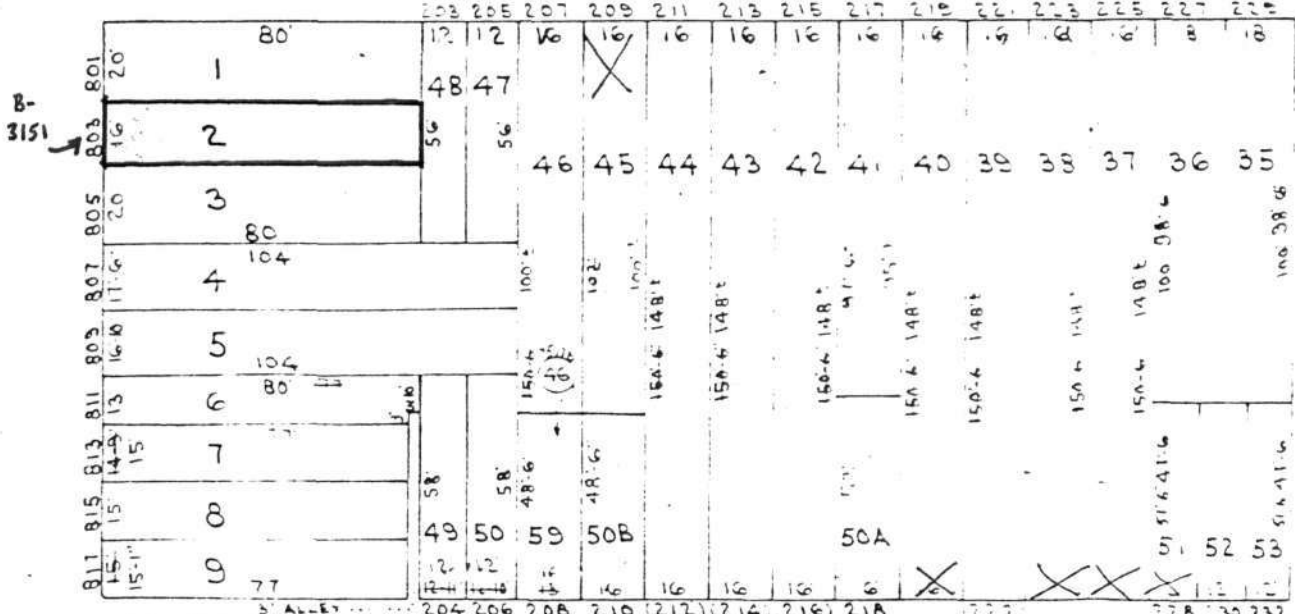
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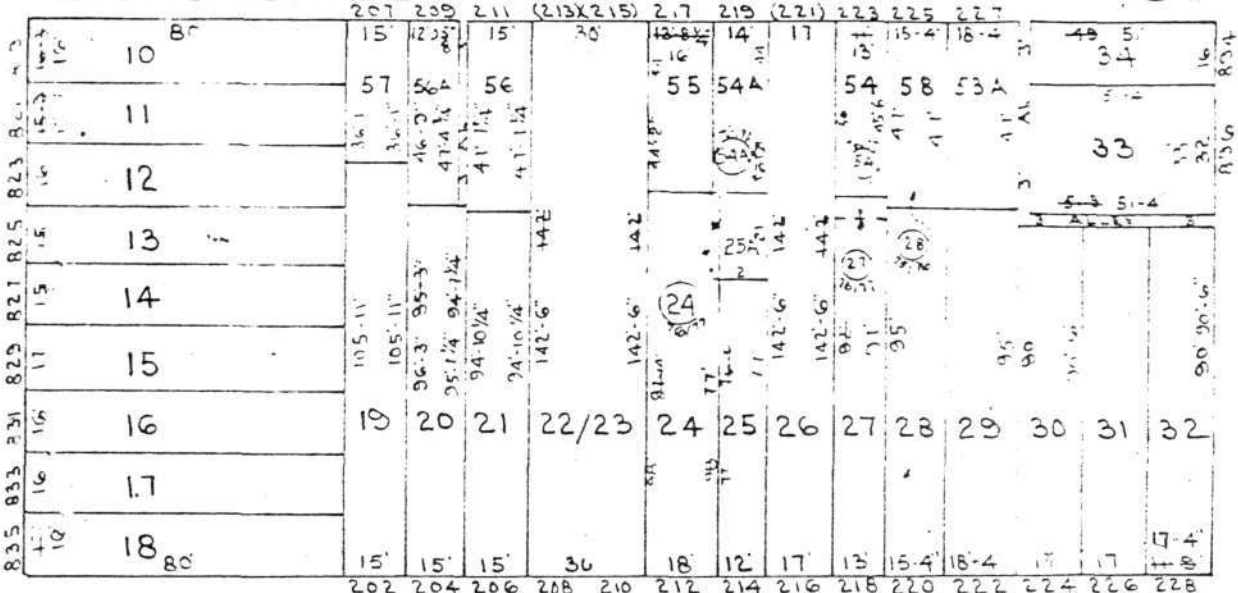
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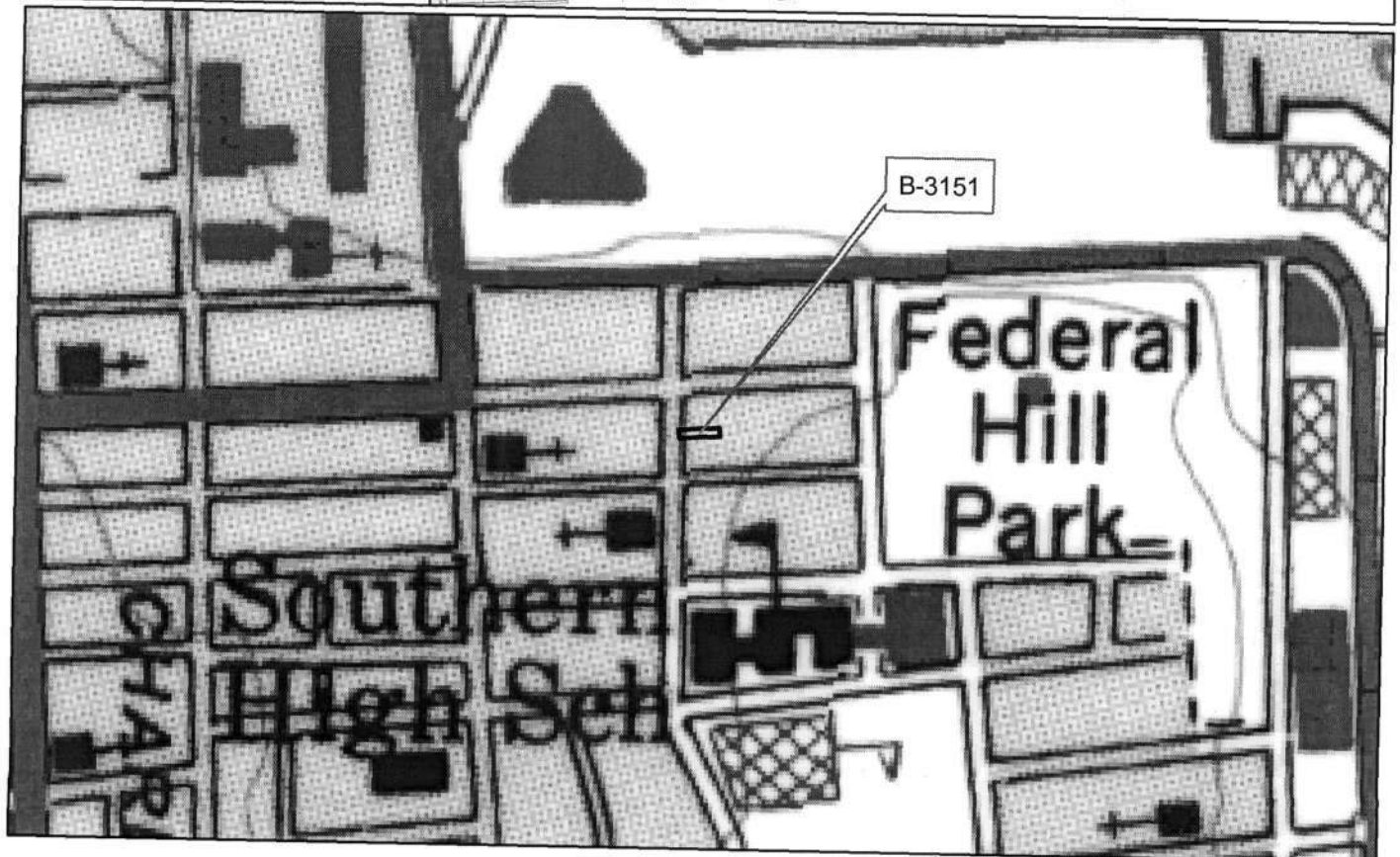
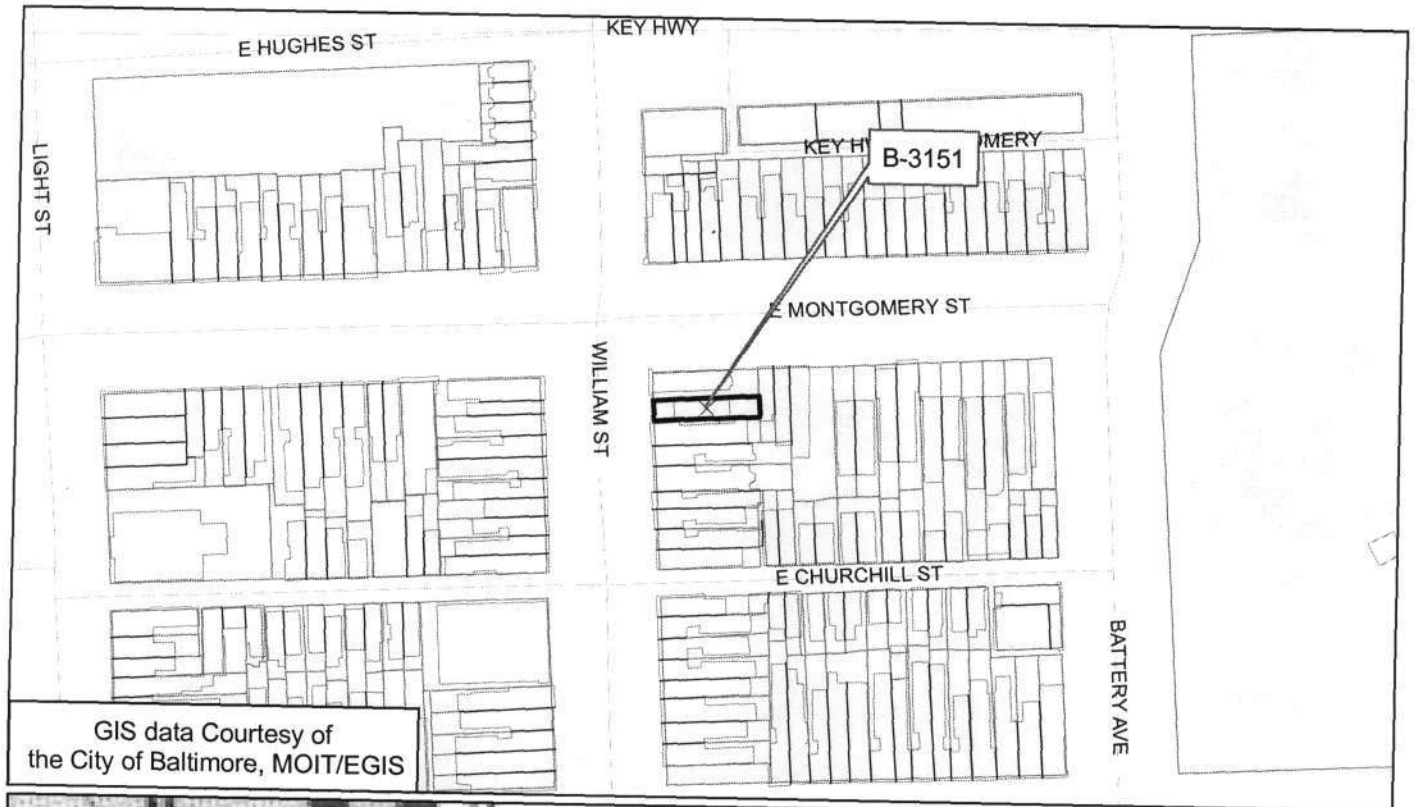
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Block 0907 Lot 002
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Baltimore East Quad.





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West elevation